## TWO COMICAL NEW PLAYS.

AND ONE THAT IS SERIOUS IN

the Lyceum Theatre, Mr. Bugle" at the Lyceum Theatre, Mr. Bu Souchet's "Men from Mexico" at Hoyl's, and Mr. Rich's "Doctor Belgraff" at the Garden. sight at the Lyceum Theatre. It was the mythial husband who gave the title of "The Mysteriout Mr. Bugle" to Madeleine Lucette Ryley's new farce. The girl was engaged to marry a per jealous fellow, but that fact had to be kept a secret between them, else he would miss the inheritance of a fortune from a whimsteal grandmother, who believed that no man ought to wed under forty. As a derice to keep other wooers away from his sweetheart, he invented the lie that she was the wife of an absent husband. The bogus bride was enacted by Annie Russell, which is the same as saying that she was sweet and gentle. Those had long been known as Miss Russell's graces of stage-manner, but they had not before been displayed in a comic character, nor in associa tion with regulahness and sentimental dua her role, nor anywhere in the play, and the audience liked the actress very much in her unaccustomed guise of a mischievous tantalizer of a too exacting lover. Her facetious acting lacked variety, and so had a degree of monotony, but it was so neat, nice, and vivacious as to be

Mrs. Ryley's play can be condemned only for marriage pretence is treated by the authoress The texture is light and thin; it wears out soon The misunderstandings are quite numerous enough, but none of them is of any real consequence. Nevertheless, "The Mysterious Mr. Bugle" is amusing from start to stop. If its scenes never carry any dramatic weight, neither do they ever beome heavy with dulness. They are ingenious in devices, witty in language, and delicious in their disclosures of feminine sature. The men are not particularly manly groupting as manliness is imparted to them by meh actors as Joseph Holland, who played the dous chap, and Guy Standing, who played the ellow that caused most of the jealousy. Mrs. Ryley's delineation of masculine character is not strong. But her women are delightfully

set strong. But her women are delightfully womanly, and the one she has created for Miss Russell to represent is extremely diverting.

The piece is merely a farce. Its characters might serve for comedy, but their doings would not, being too impossibly preposterous for any play purporting to reflect actual life. But the acting issat night was in a comedy spirit, without ridiculous exaggerations. The entertainment was refreshingly clean and polita. There was satisfactory acting, besides that for which Miss Russell, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Standing have been favorably mentioned. The audience laughed a great deal, applauded frequently, called out the players and the authorests and behaved as if it were having a right joily time.

Laughable and improbable in about equal isgrees was the new farce at Hoyt's last night. It was "The Man from Mexico," and was an adapta-tion from the French of Goudinet and Bisson by laced in the parlors of a Gramercy Park dwel ing, the remaining one taking place in the warden's office of a city prison. Within ten minutes from the beginning complications developed, and they kept up until every character in the siece was more or less involved. A husband and wife on separate trips to dives were caught at their mischief, the husband by being arrested, the wife by narrowly escaping official capture. On the following morning the farce opened, the husband being in the custody of an officer, and unaware of his experimoss of the night before. A blundering friend tried to save him from his sentence of thirty days in jail, but every device he undertook only made matters worse, so the second act found him in jail, serving out his sentence, while his family believed him on a trip to Mexico. Not more improbable than the complications that led up to this situation were the plications that led up to this situation were the prison scenes that followed. A warden was a painter, his office was decorated with his canvases, and a handsomely appointed aideboard was one piece of his tine supply of furniture. Through his room stamped files of convicts with lockstep, and here came all the other characters of the farce, their errands ranging from giving advice to the imprisoned roysterer to distributing flowers to other prisoners. In this the thirty-day sentence was half over. In the last act it was finished, and the reieased culprit, clad in the gay colors of a Mexican dandy, was coming home, receiving the greetings of his wife and sister, both of whom had donned Spanish get ups. So many complications had developed in the first two acts that the stock was depleted, and the fun of cross-purposes was not so hilarious in the last act as it had been before. But the end came so culckly that matters did not drag seriously, and the concluding confessions and forgivenesses lacked no hing in convincing quality when compared with what had gone before.

Of the fourteen participators in the farce, no one or two together were so important to its fun as was Willie Collier. He was the erring husband, the jailbird, the man who was not from Mexico, and a conical time he had with his many difficulties. His appearance in a convict's stripes and his assumption of the lock step and other features of jail discipline were most ludderous. Later, is a bired Spanish rig, he was again a comic missit to his attire, and his shy at speaking Spanish was a laughable failure. Each of his companisons was well up to the requirements of his or her part, Louise Allen and M. A. Kennedy being the only ones who approached conspicuences. prison scenes that followed. A warden was a

"A nice condition for a physician to be in, said one of the characters at the beginning of the third act of the new play at the Garden Theatre last night. The criticism was set seemed just. The physician was Dr. Belgraff, the hero of a play with that name, and be had drunk three decanters of brandy in this comment. He had staggered into the room evidently suffering from the consumption of unseen decanters, and his conduct indicated tcute alcoholism complicated with locomotor ataxia. But he had done some curious things before. When the spectaters came to know him first he lived in scallar back of a drug store, but he moved out house after he had murdered its owner. But none of the characters in the play criticised these peculiarities until the end of the play was

sees peculiarilies until the end of the play was seasy reached. Some of them merely said that he was a "strange man." There was no possible such of that.

Witton Lackaye played the rôle of a German chemist in this play, which was plainly designed to give him further opportunity to exhibit the talents that the hypnotic qualities of Svengali threw into such a favorable light. He still made passes at different persons, and one of them quite succumbed to his lowers. In ordinary life it would be only necessary to catch sight of such a bugaboo to throw a normal person into convulsions. Mr. Lackaye has made Dr. Belgraff a creature of false hair and grease paint without the suggestion of anything beyond these merely mechanical side. There must have been considerably more imagination and sentiment in the character of descapal than anybody ever thought to see in that rôle. Mr. Lackaye kept it merely gretesque, mechanical, and tawdry, although there is little probability that the part contained many opportunities. At all events they were not fulfilled. The most earnest and sincere acting that the performance contained was hisre Wainwright's treatment of a very difficult rôle. She did not look like a young girl, but she played a rather nonsensical part with great tact and intelligence. The other performace were not conspicuous, although the veteran C. W. Couldock was most cordially applauded. Charles kielin, who wrote the play for Wilton Lackaye, has placed the scene in England, and made the German scientist who figures as its seding character murder the man who betays his sister. He then hypnotises a girl who as witnessed the crime, and makes her account larght, and there were times when they were lacking the rested in the performance to give it any heat interested the speciators for a moment at alght, and there were times when they were lacking that interested the speciators for a moment lacking that reveal further ground for condemnation, and of the acting there is little to be praised seyond Miss Wainwright's delicacy

Mmc. Calve Will Sing To-Night. Mme. Calvé has recovered from her illness and will sing to-night in the Metropolitan Opera Rouse for the benefit of Miss Kitty Abbey. It vill be the last performance of grand opera here for a long time.

MB. GRAU AND GRAND OPERA. is Hints at the Possibility of His Having

Company Here Next Season A meeting of the stockholders of the Metro politan Opera and Real Estate Company will be hold this afternoon to take some action in regard to the lease of the house, which will in every probability be given to Maurice Grau for Mission pretending to be a wife was the several years—until 1900 in fact. It is doubtful if any final action will be taken to-day, as Mr. Grau is not in a position to accept the lease until his relations with the Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau Company, Limited, are finally adjusted. But the action of the stockholders will be only postponed for this matter, which is certain to be adjusted in such a way that the

lease will be given to Mr. Grau ultimately. Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the con-tributors to the fund of \$31,000 raised in Chitributors to the fund of \$31,000 raised in Chicago was held at the Metropolitan. This sum has already been used up and Mr. Grau effered to assume personal responsibility for its payment by giving his notes for the amount.

Last night the Phoenix Club gave a dinner to Mr. Grau at the Glisey House. About fifty members of the club were present, as well as Edward Lauterbach and Joan and Edouard de Reszk. A loving cup was presented to Mr. Grau at the close of the dinner.

In his speech accepting it Mr. Grau said that if he could see his way clear to do so he would present grand opera at the Metropolitan next season. The De Reszkes, who also spoke, said that they would do what they could to assist Mr. Grau in this project, that if he decided to undertake the management of a company they would return to New York again to sing in 1897-8.

NOVEL INSURANCE CASE.

luit to Recover a \$100,000 Life Polley That Has Been Cancelled.

WASHINGTON, April 19.-The Supreme Court to-day decided to examine for itself a case involving a life insurance policy of \$100,000 which it was supposed had been finally settled by the decision of the Court of Appeals for the ninth circuit. It was an unusual case in many respects. One Phinney, a resident of Seattle, took out a policy for \$100,000 in the Mutual Insurance Company of New York, the annual pre-mium being about \$3,000, which he agreed to pay in advance. At the end of the first year he could not pay the premium, and later surren dered the policy, which was cancelled. Three years later he died. Some one informed his widow and executrix, Nellie Phinney, that the policy in question had never been legally cancelled, because a certain notice required by the New York law prajiminary to the lapsing of a policy, the premiums on which are payable in advance, had not been sent by the company to Phinney. She sued to recover the amount of the policy, and in the Circuit Court for Washington got a judgment upon the verdict of a jury for about \$97,500. The company sued out a writ of error to the Circuit Court of Appeals, but a majority of the Judges of that tribunal dismissed the writ because it bore no mark indicating that it had been filed in the Clerk's office, although the Clerk testined that the writ had been filed with him, and that it was not his custom to mark the filing of such papers. Should the action of the Circuit Court of Appeals not have been called in question, the judgment against the insurance company would have stood, but upon a presentation of the facts the Supreme Court to-day directed the case to be sent to it for examination and decision. dered the policy, which was cancelled. Three

Statement That They Will March on Grant

The First Regiment of Irish Volunteers had an inspection and review last night in the Grand Central Palace. The guests of the evening were Col. William L. Brown, Augustine Costello, Assistant District Attorney Moprogramme wasfinished the regiment wasdrawn up in front of the rostrum to lis.en to speeches and resolutions condemning the National Guard officers and Gen. Dodge, grand marshal Guard officers and Gen. Dodge, grand marshal of the Grant Day parale, for retusing to give the regiment a piace in the line. Col. William L. Brown opened the meeting by making one of his characteristic speeches, and then Argustine Jostello read the resolutions. There were thirteen preambles, which recited the history of the organization, the fact that the 'dijutant-tieneral disputes its right to carry arms, the invitation promulgated by Gen. Dodge, inviting all bodies, military and civic, to take part in the parade, and his retusal to allow the Irish Volus teers to do so, and two resolutions condemning the act as an outrage on brave and loyal citizens and as a direct slight upon American citizens. The re-clutions were carried with a who-p by the regiment and its several thousand triends that were present. Counsellor Sharkey then made a cervid speech saying that the regiment would march on crant Day, if it had to do so alone. His speech wound up the evesting. Col. Moran said later that he had not yet decided whether the regiment would parade on the 27th.

MRS. GAMMELL'S LARGE ESTATE.

Millions Distributed Among Her Five Chil-NEWPORT, R. L. April 19.-The will of Mrs. Elizabeth Amory Gammell, who died in Dover, here to-day. Her daughters, Harriet and Mrs. Herbert, wife of Arthur Herbert of the English Embassy, receive \$100,000; her daughter, Mrs. Slater, \$50,000; her daughter-in-law, Mrs. R. I. Gammell, \$50,000; each grandchild, \$25,000; D. Berkeley Updyke of Boston, \$15,000; two Berkeley Updyke of Boston, \$15.000; two nephews and a niece of her husband, \$5,000 each. Servants receive \$6,000. The only public bequest is one of \$50,000 to be invested for the payment of the salaries of Episcopal missionaries in Rhode Island. The Providence Mrs. Herbert and Hattie. Other houses in Providence go to her son, Robert. A life estate is given the daughters. Mrs. Herbert and Hattie, in the villa on the Cliffs here, which is to go to Mrs. Herbert's children finally. The other Newport villa is given to the son William. The rest of the cetate is divided equally among the five children, Mrs. Herbert share being put in trust of the estate is divided equally among the five children. Mrs. Herbert's share being put in trust for her. No eximate of the value of the estate can be given, but it is worth many millions. The sons, Robert and William, are made executors without bond. The will is dated Nov. 4, 1896.

STEAMER WALTER W. AGROUND. She Struck on the Rocksway Inlet Outer Ba

Last Night-Crew Taken Off. FAR ROCKAWAY, April 19.-Just as it was coming dark to-night the life-saving crew at Rockaway discovered that a steamboat had struck on the outer bar to the east of Rockaway Inlet, about two miles off shore, and that in the sea kicked up by the heavy west winds she was in a dangerous position. Capt. Daniel Abraham and his crew got out Capt. Daniel Abraham and his crew got out their lifeboat, and, after several fuille attempts, finally succeeded in getting it affoat beyond the surf, and went to the sid of the steamer. She proved to be the Walter W., a imail screw steamer which carries deed hors a from Newtown Creek to Barren leiand. Capt. Roe and his crew of seven men were taken off and brought ashore. When they left the Walter W. was lying in a bad position and the seas were breaking over her. Walter W. was lying in a bad position and the seas were breaking over her.

The Waiter W. used to be the Alfred Lister. Her name was changed ab ut a year ago. She is 80 feet 4 inches long, 23 feet 2 inches broad, and of 107 tone gross measurement. She belongs to E. J. McKeever & Bruther of Brooklyn. She left Newtown Creek for Harren Island late yesterday afternoon with a load of dead horses.

PROPHET JONES'S SENSATION.

Cities, Including New York,

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 19.-The Rev. Andrew Jones, a colored travelling evangelist, who claims to be a prophet of the Lord, is in Kansas City preaching at King Solomon's Baptist Church. He has newspaper clippings to show Caurch. He has newspaper clippings to show where he has truly predicted several calamities. He predicted the New York earthquake. In 1884 he predicted the Johnstown flood, which came in 1889. The Charleston earthquake was seen by him in a dream six months before it happened, and he predicted the St. Louis tornado. He asserts that God has a greater calamity in store for St. Louis. He also says that Kanasa City, Chicago, and New York are under the ban, and that some awful disaster is to overtake the three cities. He believes it will be either a tornado or an earthquake.

St. Bartholomew's Easter Collection \$91,000 In St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopa Church the collection taken up on Easter morn ing was for the benefit of the fund for the building of the new Cathedral of St. John the Divine. It amounted to \$21,000. Dr. Greer said yesterday that he expected that additional amounts would be received which would make the entire Easter offering about \$25,000.

A \$1,750 Trolley Verdict.

A jury in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday gave a verdict against the Brooklyn yes-terday gave a verdict against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company for \$1,750 in the suit of Louis Doht, a brother of Shurist Doht of Queens county, for injuries received in a trailey accident.

POLICE AT A CHURCH ROW.

THREE MEN WATCH A METHODIST PROTESTANT MEETING.

appealed to by Each file to Put Out the Leader of the Other Side—Trustee Coches of Trisity Church, Williamsburg, Says the Boy. Mr. Blichter In the Cause of the Trouble

Three policemen were present last night in the Sunday school room of Trinity Methodist Protestant Church, Roebling and South Fourth streets, Williamsburg, while the annual meeting was going on. A request for police protect tion had been made to Capt. Short of the Bedford avenue station on Sunday evening by Theodere Cocheu, for more than fifty years a member of the church and for nearly thirty years a trustee, Mr. Cocheu said that Mr. G. Emil Richter, for six menths the preacher of that church, was responsible for all the trouble among the members, and that if trouble ensued it would be due to Mr. Richter and his followers. The meeting was called to order shortly before 8 o'clock by True tee Cocheu, who said that under the rules gov erning the church society he, being the senior

officer of the church, was entitled to preside.

The Rev. H. G. Hull, President of the Methodist Protestant Conference, was present, and appointed the Rev. John Hiram Robinson, preacher of Paterson, N. J., as the Chairman o the meeting. Mr. Cocheu protested and read the rules which governed the church society. Mr. Richter sided with the Rev. Mr. Hull and urged on the Paterson preacher to assert his rights, in view of the fact that he had bepointed to be presiding officer by the President

of the Conference,
Mr. Richter's followers agreed with him and hen confusion ensued. Trustee Cocheu ordered the Rev. Mr. Robinson to sit down. Mr. Robin son refused and directed Cocheu to vacate the Chairman's seat. This Mr. Cocheu declined to do, and, as a fight seemed imminent, the police, who had been kept outside the Sunday school room, were called in.

"I order you to put out this man" (pointing to the Rev. Mr. Robinson), said Trustee Cocheu. "He has no right here at all. He is not even a member of the church." member of the church."

"I direct you to put out this man" (pointing to Cocheu), exclaimed the Paterson minister.

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Cocheu), exclaimed the Paterson minister. "He has no right to preside after the President of the Conference selected me as the Chairman of the meeting."

The police declined to put out either of the men, and the session proceeded. Both presiding officers tried to talk at once, and there was much confusion. Finally Cocheu managed to get himself heard, and he asked that the roll be called. Before the Secretary had proceeded very far it became apparent that he was calling the names of members of the church who were dead and of others who had not been in the church for several years. Cocheu and his followers objected to anyhody but bona fide members of the church being allowed to vote. He stated that of these only fifty-six were present, and then moved that the election of a trustee in his place proceed. Richter and his adherents set up a how which Cochen disregarded and shouted for the voting to go on. The Rev. Mr. Robinson characterized the proceedings as outrageous and said it was evident to him that Cochen and his followers had packed the meeting and intended to have everything their own way. Cochen simply called for the votes.

After a short consultation between the Rev. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Richter they decided to withdraw from the room with their followers and hold a meeting elsewhere. As they went out the adherents of Cochen gave a hearty cheer. Then the voting for trustee proceeded. Cochen was the only candidate for re-election for a three years term. It was announced that he had received 29 votes out of 56. It was discovered later that he had received only 24, not enough to elect him, and when this was brought to his attention he told the Secretary not to mind it. To a SUN reporter he said that at least ten of his friends who would have voted for him became disgusted at the proceedings and left the place.

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Before the meeting came to a close Trustee Cocheu called all the members who had remained before him and asked them if they wanted to vote on the question of having the Rev. Mr. Robinson as their pastor. One man voted yes, which caused Cocheu to shout:

"No, no; you don't want to say that. You don't want to vote for Mr. Robinson. Now, I'll put the question again. All who want the Rev. Mr. Robinson for pastor of this church say 'Aye.'"

Mr. Robinson for paster of this church say 'Aye.'

There was silence, and when the negative question was put all replied no. This caused Mr. Co. heu to remark;

"That's right. We don't want him here. He's a bull-foser and should stay in Paterson."

The Rev. Mr. Robinson, with Mr. Richter and the others, went to a private house in South Fourth, near Roebling street, where they reconvened, and after denouncing the action of Mr. Cocheu and his followers decided to call the attention of the Conference to the matter. They also elected four men as trustees: G. Emil Richter, Frederick Abelman, W. H. McCready, and G. H. Valkenberg.

COP CHARGED WITH EXTORTION. to Mave Got \$30 from a Saloen Mooper

Policeman Henry Woodley was arraigned in Harlem Court yesterday on a charge of having accepted \$20 for releasing a saloon keeper whom he had arrested for doing business five minutes beyond the limit fixed by the Raines law. Magistrate Flammer paroled the accused police man in charge of Capt. Brown of the West 100th

street station for examination Thursday. Gustave Stulp, saloon keeper at 184 East 109th street, and his friend, George Tropf, a butcher, of 28 East 106th street, are the principal witnesses against the accused. The alleged effence was committed at 1:05 A. M. on New Year's Day. Voluminous affidavits set forth that Policeman Woodley, who then did duty in

Year's Day. Voluminous affidavits set forth that Policeman Woodley, who then did duty in the East 104th street station, entered the saloon at that time and arrested Stulp.

"Look here, now," said Butcher Tropf, "it is only five minutes over the time; why can't you let Stulp go this once?"

"Why, I don't know; about \$30 might make me do so, "said Woodley.

Stulp and his friend considered matters, and made an offer of \$20. Woodley agreed, and the saloon keeper sand his friend each gave Woodley a ten-dollar bank note. After having had several drinks together they parted on the best of terms apparently.

A fortnight later, according to the story of his accusers, Woodley forced Tropf by threats to make an affidavit setting forth that any charge he might make that the policemen took the \$20 was untrue. The policeman threatened him again later, and this finally resulted in the butcher appealing to Magistrate Kudlich, who, after an investigation, issued a warrant for Woodley's arrest. On being arrested Sunday, Woodley was suspended from duty. He denies the above story entirely, and says that he is the victim of a conspiracy, instigated probably by Saloon Keeper Harmes of 106th street and First avenue, who complained about him to the Commissioners recently.

A Patient Who Caught the Disease in That

A case of smallpox was reported to the Bureau of Contagious Diseases yesterday afternoon from the Riverside Hospital. The patient is Helen Page, 3 months old, a daughter of Cora Page, who caught smallpox in the New York Hospital. The mother was removed from there on April 2. The whole of Randall's Island is now under quarantine, three cases of smallpox having beer discovered among the 146 male inmates of the idiot asylum. Fifteen-year-old Henry Bogardus became ill five days acc. and by the time it became evident that he had smallpox Edgar Demender, aged 18, was also stricken. The third case was that of John A. Smith, aged 22 years, who became ill two days ago.

At first the patients only were quarantined, but yesterday, for fear that the disease might spread to the other institutions on the island, the whole island was placed under quarantine restrictions. Four physicians from the Board of Health vaccinated everybody in the asylums and lospitals on the island, numbering about 2,000 people. discovered among the 146 male inmates of the

Last Week of the Circus at the Garden. The Barnum & Bailey circus began its last week at Madison Square Garden last night by introductory parade portraying the ovation ten-dered Columbus upon his return from his first voyage of discovery. The costumes were un-usually handsome. Besides this pageant, sev-eral new acrobats made their appearance and did some amazing feats in midair. The Garden was crowded. introducing many new features. There was at

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THE REV. J. C. M. JOHNSON'S RECORD. It Crops Up Before the Brooklyn Presbytery-Sunday Bicycling Simply Awful.

The spring meeting of the Brooklyn Presbytery was held at the Westminster Church, Clinton street and First place, yesterday. The Rev. Dr. John Fox of the Second Presbyterian Church presided. The Rev. Lewis R. Foote of the Throop Avenue Church expressed his surprise at the in-timation that a letter of dismissal was to be given to the Rev. J. C. M. Johnson to the Northumberland Presbytery of Pennsylvania. He remarked that when Mr. Johnson was last attached to the Brooklyn Presbytery damaging umors were circulated against him, and that he was not at present in good standing with the

Presbytery.
The Rev. Wilbur F. Wood of Staten Island nade a motion that no dismissal be given to Mr. Johnson until he had cleared his record. This was referred to a committee. At the evening session notice was given that at the next meeting an amendment to the rules would be made providing that no letter of dismissal would be granted to any member of the Presbytery of whose life and character the Presbytery was not fully informed up to at least one year before the letter was asked for.

George J. Schoerk has been called to the First Reformed Church in Williamsburg, but as he has not been graduated the question came up as to whether it was right to ordain and install him, and it was decided in the negative.

The Rev. John A. Billingsley of the Committee on Subbath Observance reported that bicycling on Sunday was becoming more prominent every week and that the part taken by blcyclists, so far as Sunday recreation was concerned, was vicious, and that the few benefits to health was no compensation for the evils inflicted upon the community.

The Temperance Committee reported that the Raines law was almost unanimously condemned by the churches and indorsed the amendments to it. was referred to a committee. At the evening

BIG NORTH CAROLINA PRESERVE.

Borthern Sportomen Want to Buy 319,840 Acres of Fine Game Country. RALEIGH, N. C., April 19 .- An application was received to-day by the State Board of Ed-noation from Farette C. Giles of Turf. Field, lease 212,840 acres of land in eastern North sort. Mr. Giles, in making this application, is acting in behalf of the Field and Shore Asso ciation, which was incorporated by the last Legislature of this State. The objects of the association, as set forth in their articles of incorporation are. "preservation, importation, breeding, and propagation of all animals, birds, and fishes of both Europe and America which are adapted to the climate and waters of his State and to the different sections where the association may operate; affording facilities for hunting, shooting, and fishing on its grounds to its stockholders, and issuing of permits to others, subject to its rules and regulations; cultivation of forests furbi-bing its stockholders and others—ith agreeable summer and winter re-orts; respectable hotels, cottage houses, and anything necessary or prope. for their accommodation."

The headquarters of this association are to be at Newbern. The rental offered for this property is \$4,500 a year for a term of ninetynine years, with option of purchase at 15 cents an acre, both land and water. The proposed preserve is the finest hunting and fishing ground on the Atlantic cost; The waters awarm with the finest of taole fishes, and game of every kind, including deer, bear, wild turkeys, and duck, abound in the forests. and fishes of both Europe and America which esta.

It is understood that the Board of Education favors the lease. The clubmen interested live in New York, Boston, and Chicago.

THE FAIR WILL CASE.

the Helre Unite Against Mrs. Craven San Francisco, April 19.-To-day, over two

years after the death of the old millionaire, James G. Fair, the suit over his estate was fairly begun. The three children and other heirs have united against Mrs. Nettie Craven, the San Francisco school teacher, who asserts that Mr. worth \$750,000, as he had married her by con-

The heirs assert that both documents are forgeries, and the suit to-day was on the question of the validity of the deeds. This suit is really brought by the administrators of the Fair estate, and Mrs. Craven could have demanded a regular jury trial had not the counsel for Miss Virginia Fair intervened with the complaint that the deeds were forgeries.

This raised issues to be determined only by the Court, so Judge Slack decided he would have a jury, but its powers would be simply advisory. Judgmant will rest with him alone.

There are over a score of lawyers, and all day was consumed in getting eight jurors who satisfy the qualifications, but upon none of them has the peremptory challenge been exercised. The case promises to raise a crop of new technical questions, upon which the Supreme Court will have to pass. regular jury trial had not the counsel for Miss

Col. George Duryea's Will Offered for Probate.

JAMAICA, L. I., April 19 .- The will of the late George Duryea of Glen Cove has been offered for probate in the Surrogate's Court here. The estate is valued at \$103,000, of which \$14,000 consists of real estate. Mrs. Cynthia V. Perkins, sister of the testator, gets \$28,000, and that is the largest bequest. Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Perkins, another sister, gets \$6,000, and the re-Perkins, another sister, gets \$6,000, and the remainder is divided up as follows: Mrs. Henry T. Duryea, \$7,000; Myra Duryea, \$14,000; Edith Duryea, \$7,000; Bessle Duryea, \$0,000; Oscar Duryea, \$5,050. The above are children of Mrs. H. T. Duryea, \$6,050. The above are children of Mrs. H. T. Duryea, Ada D. Commins and Helen Cummins, aleces of the testator, receive \$9,000 and \$7,500 respectively, Col. Duryea died in St. Vincent's Hospital, New York city, on April 1.

The case of Robert McGcc, who is to be tried for having knock-out drops in his possession. was called again before Judge Newburger in the General Sessions yesterday. McGee says that Charles Whittemore induced him to buy 50 Charles Whittemore induced him to buy 50 cents' worth of chioral and time had him arrested by Policeman Gayer of the Charles street station, a friend of Whittemore. When the case was called last Thursday Whittemore was present, but Gayer was not. Yesterday Gayer was in court, but Whittemore was not.

Judge Newburger said that the case was a suspicious one, and that if the witnesses were not present to-day he would lay it before the Grand Jury and the Police Board.

## COOKING UTENSILS, CUTLERY

REFRIGERATORS. WATER PILTERS AND COOLERS.

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LEGISLATURE'S LAST WEEK GOV. BLACK'S CIVIL SERVICE BILL REPORTED IN THE SENATE.

Cantor's Motion to Recommit It Defeated by a Party Vote-The Hill to Probibit High Hates in Thestree and the Atlantic Avenue Rail-rond Bill Are Passed in the Assembly. ALBANY, April 19.-There was a preliminary

skirmish in the Senate to-night over Gov. Black's Civil Service bill, which was favorably reported from Lexow's Judiciary Committee. The bill was amended in committee to authorize the Civil Service Commission to fix a minimum per-centage for qualification at an examination. Under the original bill no minimum was provided, which would allow all candidates for positions to be certified.

Senator Cantor protested that the report of the committee should not be received. The members of the committee, he said, had been notified by telegraph, while at their homes yes meeting of the committee to act on the Civil Service bill. At that hour a quorum of the committee was not present. Another meeting of the committee was held a half hour before the session to-night, and this favorable report was the result.

Senator Lexow defended the action of the committee and declared that its proceedings had been regular. A motion of Senator Cantor to recommit the

bill was defeated by a party vote of 31 to 13, and the report was received.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee will give

a hearing on the bill to-morrow afternoon. It is said that an attempt will be made to amend the bill, so that the written examinations shall count for 60 per cent., and the judgment of the ap pointing power as to fitness for only 40 per cent. instead of half and half. Senator Raines introduced a supplemental

Raines law bill, providing that the rate of liquor tax in force in the various cities, towns, and villages embraced within the territory of Greater New York shall be the same after Jan. 1, 1898, as prior to that date. The purpose of the bill is to keep the amount of liquor tax in the different territories consolidated with New York city the same as provided in the original In the Assembly to-night the Gradual Reduc-

tion Gas bill for New York city was made a special order for to-morrow. Mr. Koster's bill to prohibit high hats in theatres was passed, 81 to 47. It provides as follows:

lows:

Auy person who in any theatre, hall, or other public place of amusement, entertainment or instruction, and occupying a seat therein, shall wear head gear of such proportions and dimensions, or so feathered, plume l, bedecked, or decorated as to obstruct the view of persons occupying seats in the rear, an l shall refuse to remove such obstruction after having been requested to do so, shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for each such off use, to be recovered by the person prosecuting for the same in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Mr. Mazet offered an amendment extending the provisions of the bill to puffed sleeves, but this was voted down.

When Mr. Austin's bill to set apart a portion of Bronx Park for the New York Zodlogical Society was reached Mr. Flum, the Democratic leader, offered an amendment that the bonds to be issued be payable in lawful money instead of in grold. This was defeated, 39 to 17, and the bill was passed.

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leader, offered an amendment that the bonds to be issued be payable in lawful money instead of in gold. This was defeated, 39 to 17, and the bill was passed.

Senator Elisworth attacked Assemblyman T. P. Sullivan's bill requiring private bankers in New York, Brooklyn, and Buffaio to file a bond for the protection of depositors with the County Clerk of the county in which they operate. Senator Sullivan declared that the bill was intended to reach the "fake" Italian private bankers only. The bill had been amended so as not to apply to any one who was a member of the New York State Bankers' Association. Any reputable private banker could become a member of this association. The bill was passed—36 to 2.

The Senate to hight passed Assemblyman Parshall's bill providing for the depression of the steam railroad tracks on Atlantic avenue in Brooklyn and the railroad company. Senator Wray voted for the measure, but warned the citizens of Brooklyn that they were buying a gold brick. Under the provisions of the bill it would be years before this long-looked-for improvement would be accomplished. The bill provides for the appointment of a board to carry out the improvement, and provides:

The said board shall determine when the work of said improvement shall commence, but they shall not so determine until they are satisfied that an underground double-track raifroad will be built from the westerly terminus of the sa drailroad to some convenient point at or mear Maiden lane, in the city of New York as now constituted, and a company competent and a lee to build such an underground railroad has secured all the necessary consents and franchie's therefor, has entered upon the performance of s.ld work, and has obligated itself to unite with the Long Litand Railroad Company in operating traits to and over the railroad aforesaid.

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Senator Wray said it would be years before a railroad would be in operation under the East River, and that this improvement would be deferred just so many years.

Some of the New York members declared that the provision was practically a nullity, as the board could go ahead when it was satisfied that the underground road would be built, whether such a road was actually to be built or not.

The Assembly passed the following bills:

pension roit of the Health Departures sum one-half his former salary.

Senator Martin's, increasing the punishment for aron in the second degree to wenty-five years, and for the third degree to litteen years.

Mr. Austin's, ch unjug Sh. r.fl. Tamsen's compensation from \$20,000 to a salary of \$12,000 and half of certain fees, the aggregate being estimated at \$25,000.

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Mr. Ro he's, to relieve the Beth Israel Hospital Association from taxes and water rent.

Mr. Peterson's, providing for the inspection of netural gas moters.

Mr. Roche's, appropriating \$250,000 for the Forty-seventh Regiment armory.

Mr. Dempsey's, to exempt from taxation the property of the Spalding Literary Union, under the superviation of the Paulist Fathers, New York city.

Mr. Austin's, to authorize the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to audit and allow the present Sheriff of the city and county of New York such legal expenses as he may be put to, not exceeding \$5,000 per annum, for three years after the expiration of his term of office.

Mr. Perkins's, requiring the registration of all per-

term of office.

Mr. Perkins's, requiring the registration of all persons duly admitted and licensed to practise as attorneys at-law, or as attorneys and counsellors-at-law in the courts of record of this State. These bills passed the Senate:

Mr. Soper's, prohibiting railroads on Newkirk ave-nue in Brooklyn, between Nostrand avenue and Coney Laland, without the consent of property owners. The Financial Committee', bill, authorizing the es-tablishment of a State lighting plan in the Capitol

tablishment of a State Highting plan in the Capital building.

Mr. Austin's, authorising a change in the Brooklym approach of the new East River bridge. Senator Daley's, incorporating the Columbia Celec-tric Power Company of Valatic, Columbia county, to generate power on Kinderhook Creek and tributaries. Senator Sullivan's, providing for the erection of a building on the Centre street Market site in New York city for the use of the Second D strict Judicial Court. building on the Centre arrect Market site in New York city for the use of the Second D. Strice Judicial Court.

Mr. Austin's election law amendments, which were prepared by the Greater N. w York Commission as an accompaniment to the charter.

Mr. Ferrester's, authorizing the appointment of six additional marshale in Brooklyn.

Mr. Bedell's, incorporating Hugh R. Garden, Frank S. Williams, Lawrence L. Barnum, David B. Simpson, and H. Gerard Chapin, as the Accounting Guarantee Company of New York city, with a capital of \$150,000. Senator Brush's, increasing by \$20,000 the appropriation to improve Wallabout Market in Brooklyn.

Mr. Sopner's, anthorizing Brooklyn to juricipate in the Grant tomb dedication ceremosise through an expenditure of \$1,000 for the G. A. R.

Senator Ahearn's, providing for the erection of coverings over aldewalks and inclosures around buildings in course of crection for the protection of pedestrians in New York city.

Mr. T. F. Myere's, providing for the reparement of Ninth avenue in New York city, from Fourteenth to fixtieth street, with granite blocks.

Sonator Foley's, authorizing the New York R glater to destroy chaited mortgages and bills of sale which have been on file over ten years.

Senator Malby's, em owering the State Benk'ng Superintendent to examine certain moneyed corporations not now under the supervision of the department.

Senator McCarren's, authorizing a continuance of

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Senator McCarren's, authorizing a continuance of the slaughter houses now in operation in Brooklyn, notwithstanding the provisions of the Grester New York charter.
Senator Wioman's, authorizing Brooklyn to acquire property of incorporated water companies in the Thiriteth ward.
Educator Krum's, providing that shad shall not be taken from the Hucson River on Saturday and Sunday of cach week.
Senator kinds s'e amendments to the election law, amend them one in the 1 terrests of commercial travellers, allowing a person not expecting to be home on registry days to register in advance with the clerk of the village or town or the election officials of the city in which he lives.

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Mr. Leonard's, regulating the digging of sand and ther worms on the shores of Queens and Suffolk other worms on the the counties.

Mr. Perkins's, providing for the completion of repairs to the Third Batt ry armory in Brooklyn.

Senator Guy's, establishing a public park in New York city bounded by Groating, Hulson River, Deland and Riverdale lanes, and Spuyten Duyvil parkway.

Mr. H. T. Andrews's, providing that pneumatic tube
companies shall pay it per cent, of their gross receipts
into the city treasury of the municipality in which
they operate.

The bill to incorporate the New York Law School and the General Appropriation bill for the year were algued by Gov. Black to-day. Honors and Cifts for Bishop Harkins. PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 19.-The tenth anni ersary of the ordination of Bishop Mathews Harkins will be observed to morrow morning with the presentation of a gold chalice and paten, valued at over \$2,000, to the Bishop. The ceremony will follow the dedication of the convent chapel of the Sisters of Mercy with pontifical high mass.



I once heard the leading contralto singer of the Castle Square Theater Opera Co., of Boston, remark to a friend, sitting in her dressing-room: "Some singers can't sing well, they say, just after eating heartily, and take only a light lunch; but it works just the opposite with me. It's impossible for me to sing a hard opera without having a good meal before; but I often take a

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to help digest it. My voice is always clearer and more powerful when I do."

NOW FOR SYMPATHETIC STRIKES. | M'BRIDE'S FAILURE AT SUICIDE.

Breken Off Abruptly. The conferences which have been going on for seven days between representatives of the master steamfitters and of the Steamfitters' and Helpers' unions ended last evening. The employers would concede nothing, although agreement after agreement was prepared and presented to them by the employees. A call was sent out late last evening for a mass meeting of the Enterprise and Progress associations of steamfitters and helpers this forenoon in Central Hall, 147 West Thirty-second street, to take action on the report of their committees. An ulti-matum to be drawn up at this mass meeting will be submitted to the employers on Wednesday, and unless it is agreed to by them, which is

day, and unless it is agreed to by them, which is very improbable, the long-deferred sympathetic strikes will be ordered.

The master steamfitters insisted that the old agreement, which has been in force for eight or ten years, should be continued with that section excluded which provides that all pipe of less than 14 inches diameter be cut by hand on the building that is being put up. The employers want to have all pipe cut by machinery at the shops. The committee of the employees valved this point, but wanted a new agreement with an advance in wages of 25 cents a day.

Unless the unexpected happens the Board of Walking Delegates will be called upon to order strikes this week. There are several buildings at present on which non-union steamfitters are employed, and strikes will be ordered on these first, and on others as soon as non-union men are put to work.

PLEA FOR A VERY LITTLE TRUST. An Engineers' Union, 177 Strong, Sued for

Benjamin P. Davis, a stationary engineer, moved before Justice Beach of the Supreme Court yesterday for an injunction restraining the United Portable Hoisting Engineers' Union and its walking delegate, Peter Gibbons, from ness as an engineer. Davis, who is a non-union engineer, avers that the union has procured his discharge at various time, and has threatened strikes on places where he was employed unless he was discharged. The defendants denied that any strikes had been ordered against him. Counsel for the defendants stated that the case differed from that of Curran against the Knights of Labor, which was decided against the Knights in the Court of Appeals, as in that case it was shown that the Knights of Labor were monopolists, as they controlled the labor in the trade of ale brewing, while in the case at bar there are only 177 members in the defendant union out of 10,000 licensed engineers in the city. engineers in the city. Justice Beach reserved decision.

Throw Up His Job and Licked a Man Who

"In this country every person has a right, under the law, to work for whom he pleases, where he pleases, and at what wage he pleases. No person has a right to interfere with another man's liberty, and no individual or society has any right to interfere with the prosecution of his right to interfere with the prosecution of his work. If we are to have any other condition we might as well live under the Czar of Russia. Any man who interferes with another man in the earning of his living will receive no consideration from this court."

After saying this to Thomas McCarthy in the General Sessions yesterday, Judge Cowing sent him to the ponitentiary for a month. McCarthy was a striking butcher who had been employed by Eastmans. Samuel Lindheimer went to Eastmans' to get a job, pending the strike, and McCarthy, after vainly trying to dissuade him, assaulted him.

Strike of Masons at Sandy Hook.

A number of masons and laborers who are en ployed at the foundations of the building which is to be erected at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, demanded an increase of wages and went on strike yesterday morning to inforce the demand. The masons were receiving forty cents an hour and demand forty-five. The laborers were re-ceiving fifteen cents an hour and demand the same wages as are paid to citizen laborers em-ployed by the Government.

FRANK WIEMAN'S BIG FROG. Be Given to the Aquarium.

A large frog is to be presented to the New proprietor of the Colonial Hotel, Bath avenue and Bay Twentieth street, Bath Beach. The frog was caught at Montauk Point two weeks ago, and is on exhibition at Mr. Wieman's hotel. It measures 19½ inches from tip of nose to tail, and weighs five pounds.

Business Troubles. Denuty Sheriff Butler took charge yesterday

f the place of business of the Charles H. leasants Company, wholesale and retail dealers Pleasants Company, wholesale and retail dealers in drugs, at 57 to 61 West Houston street, on claims for \$10,064.

Abraham Slegenberg and Morris Welch, doing business as the Universal Rug and Curtain Company, at 220 Sixth avenue, made an assignment yesterday to Louis Spiegel.

The Shoriff closed up yesterday the store of Nathan Naider, dealer in clothing, at 35 Hester street, on an execution for \$420 in favor of Samuel Cohen.

San Francisco, April 19 .- The colony of Jan anese who arrived here some days ago on their way to Mexico left to-day to settle upon the lands which the Mexican Government has granted to them.

Japanese Colonists Going to Mexico.

Steamfitters' Conferences with Employers | He Jabs His Wrist, Cute His Threat, Takes

Arsente and Paris Green-Still Living. PATERSON, N. J., April 19 .- Thomas McBride, who is ill and out of work, drank heavily yesterday and determined to commit suicide. Early in the evening he tried to cut an artery in his wrist and also cut his throat, but neither cut tried to swallow arsenic, but the drug was tried to swallow arsenic, but the drug was knocked from his hand. His brother took him to the police station, but, as Thomas promised to behave himself, he was allowed to go. The brothers parted, and Thomas, instead of going home, went into a drug store and bought a box of Paris green. At a pump on Prospect street, he got some water and mixed a dose of the poison, which he drank. He fell to the sidewalk in convulsions. He was taken to the hospital, where the physicians and the stomach pump brought him around all right.

SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD.

Backbiters Worse Than Turks, Says This Weaver Who Couldn't Get Work, Edward Scherer, an olderly silk weaver, who

couldn't get work, shot himself in the right tem-ple with a revolver yesterday at 3454 Third wenue, where he used to lodge. He was taken to Fordham Hospital, where, it is thought, he to Fordham Hospital, where, it is thought, he will probably die.

In one of his pockets was a letter, written in German, which read in part: "Now I go to a land whence nobody returns. I am through with this world; nobody knows any enemies there. The greatest evenies are those people who talk behind a man's back. They are worse than the Turks against the Christians. I believe there are no greater brutes than such."

Charles Bartsch, a painter, who, it is said, lives on his sons and spends much of what they earn for liquor, tried to kill himself, for the third time, at his home at 201 Picasant avenue yes-terday by asphyxiating himself with gas and cutting his wrists with a knife. He was uncon-scious when found, but was able to appear a little later in the Harlem Police Court, where he was held for attempted suicide.

Beath of Joseph M. Pearsall.

Joseph M. Pearsall, who cut his throat in his oom at 408 Second street, Brooklyn, on Friday night while suffering from indigestion and nervous prostration, died at the Seney Hospital resierday morning. He was a brother of Thomas E. Pearsall, the well-known lawyer, and asso-ciated with him in business.

OFFERED THE HORSE FOR HIS FINE. Corcoran Was Arrested for Trying to Sell It

James Corcoran, 25 years old, of 173 Bruns wick street. Jersey City, who was arrested early on Sunday morning on auspicion of having stoler a horse he was trying to sell, was arraigned before Police Justice Douglas yesterday morning. Policeman Dodson testified that Corcorar ing. Policeman Dodson testified that Corcoran was stopping people on the street and offering to sell the horse at any price. The horse was a sorry-looking animal and seemed to be about to die. Corcoran proved that he owned the horse. Judge Douglas hunted up an old lifue law which prohibits the transaction of any worldly business on the Sabbath and fined Corcoran \$2. The prisoner offered to give the horse to the Judge for the fine, but the offer was declined.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN'S JUBILEE. Many High Prelates Gather in Philadelphia for the Celebration Bay.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19,-Archbishop Ryan will celebrate his silver jubilee to-morrow Many Catholic prelates of distinction will take part in the ceremonies. Archbishop Corrigan part in the ceremonies. Archishop Corrigan arrived here this afternoon, and Cardinal Gib-bons will come to-morrow. The Papal Delogats, Mgr. Martinelli, also will be here. The jubilee exercises will begin to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, when the parade of the 7,000 boys of the parishes will take place. Many gifts have come to the Archbishop, not a few from clergymen of other denominations and from Protestant laity.

Justice William J. Osborne of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn is laid up with a severe attack of the grip at his home, 130 Amity street. He had to give up his judicial duties last Thursday, and since then has been confined to his bed. His family and frients are somewhat alarmed over his condition, and, under the most favorable circumstances, some time will slapse before he will be able to return to the beach.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH

Superintendent of Public Instruction Skinner an-iounces that the three summer Listitutes will open

on July 13.

Charles A. Dickinson of Rochester made written application yest-rday for the position of Collector of Customs at Rochester.

Orders for the trial of the cruiser Annabells next Thursday over the Long Island Sound course were issued by the Navy Department yesterday.

T. V. McNair, Jr., a son of Admirst McNair, and George A. Deering of the District of Columbia have been appointed alternate cades at large to the Naval Academy by Fresident McKin ey. The hearing in the Murray Hill Bank case has been tet down for next Mouday in the Court of appeals by consent of counsel, Lewis Marsail appearing for the bank and John S. Bowers for the Attorney.

General.

The Alamoogin Club of Morristown, St. Lawrence county, was incorporated yesterday to acquire islands in Shace Lake and to form a social and faining citb. The directors are Edward information of Northport, L. I.; Lucius N. Littauer of Gioversitie, James L. Stewart and John G. Hilliard of New York City.

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